

Serial No. 10/032,238
Docket No. 0075.00AMENDMENTSIn the Claims:

Please cancel claims 23, 33 and 41-43 without prejudice. In addition, please amend claims 1, 24 and 26-29 as indicated below. Currently amended claims are presented with markings to indicate the changes made, wherein ~~strike through~~ is used to designate deleted subject matter and underlining is used to designate added subject matter.

1. (Currently amended) A powder composition comprising spray-dried particles ~~comprised~~ consisting essentially of soluble interleukin-4 receptor (~~IL-4R~~) (sIL-4R) as an active agent and one or more excipients selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, lipids, divalent metal cation, buffers, amino acids, oligopeptides, peptides, and proteins, wherein the powder composition comprises particles having a mass median aerodynamic diameter (MMAD) of less than about 10 microns.

2. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, having a monomer content and an aggregate level that is essentially unchanged relative to that of its pre-spray dried solution or suspension.

3. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, characterized by a decrease in monomer content as compared to that of its pre-spray dried solution or suspension of not more than 5% when determined after storage of said composition for 14 days at 25°C.

4. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 3, characterized by an extent of formation of aggregates as compared to that of its pre-spray dried solution or suspension of not more than 5% when determined after storage of said composition for 14 days at 25°C.

5. (Original) The composition of claim 1, being moisture stable, exhibiting a minimal increase in aggregate formation and a minimal change in monomer content, as compared to the level of aggregate and monomer content of its pre-spray dried solution or suspension, under humid conditions.